

# ICC not useless - Ruhindi

UGANDA needs the services of the International Criminal Court (ICC) to restore peace in the country, justice state minister Fred Ruhindi has said, reports **Conan Businge**.

Reacting to comments by the Refugee Law Project director, Chris Dolan, the minister said: "Uganda does not have enough resources and the legal framework to handle all the war crimes.

"The Government has created a special division at the High Court to deal with senior commanders of the LRA but there is still need to have the ICC's intervention."

Opening a three-day workshop for transitional justice at the Imperial Botanical Hotel in Entebbe last week, Dolan said international justice was useless in solving conflicts since it was tainted with racism.

He added that Uganda could restore everlasting peace in its war-torn regions, without counting on the ICC.

But while closing the same workshop yesterday, Ruhindi said: "We shall use the traditional justice system to solve our problems of the two-decade war alongside the ICC and our courts."

On war claimants, the minister said it would be difficult to compensate them because they are many and the crimes were diverse.

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